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SUBJ: GENERALS AMIN AND HABYALIMANA MEET AT KABALE

1. ACCORDING RADIO RWANDA ACCOUNT OF AMIN-HABYALIMANA JULY 28 MEETING AT KABALE, UGANDA, AMIN PRAISED RWANDA'S NEW POLICY OF GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS WITH BURUNDI AND ZAIRE. AMIN REFERRED TO "GOOD RELATIONS" BETWEEN UGANDA AND RWANDA AND DESCRIBED HABYALIMANA AS APOSTLE OF UNITY AND FRATERNITY." UGANDAN LEADER ASKED HABYALIMANA TO TRANSMIT TO RWANDAN NATIONAL GUARD CONGRATULATIONS FOR ITS STRUGGLE TO RESTORE COUNTRY'S UNITY.

2. HABYALIMANA THANKED AMIN FOR "SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP" AND CALLED FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES "ETERNAL." HE ATTRIBUTED TO HIS PREDECESSORS POLICY OF DISTRUST TOWARD UGANDA, AND SAID HE REJECTED THIS POLICY FOR TWO COUNTRIES MUST "LIVE TOGETHER AS BROTHERS." RWANDAN PRESIDENT WAS DETERMINED HAVE GOOD RELATIONS

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FIRST WITH NEIGHBORS AND THEN ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES

WHO SHOULD FIGHT "IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM" RATHER THAN "AFRICAN BROTHERS." UPON RETURN TO KIGALI, HABYALIMANA SENT WARM MESSAGE OF THANKS TO AMIN FOR HOSPITALITY.

3. COMMENT: CLIMATE OF DISTRUST BETWEEN RWANDA AND UGANDA HAD ORIGINS INTER ALIA IN KAYIBANDA'S PATENT INITIAL DISSATISFACTION WITH OBOTE'S OVERTHROW AND IN AMIN'S UNILATERAL CLOSURES OF RWANDA-UGANDA BORDER; AND MORE RECENTLY OF COURSE IN HIS THREATS TO INVADE OR BOMB RWANDA. ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN RWANDA AND KAYIBANDA GOVERNMENT'S CLOSE TIES WITH TANZANIA WERE FURTHER FACTORS. WHETHER "LIVING TOGETHER AS BROTHERS" MEANS AMIN WILL TEMPER HIS BEHAVIOR OR THAT RWANDA WILL ACT IN A WAY MORE PLEASING TO AMIN'S WHIMS REMAINS TO BE SEEN. IN RECENT CALL ON HABYALIMANA, ISRAEL AMBASSADOR WAS DELIGHTED WITH GENERAL'S FRIENDLINESS AND REASSURANCES.
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